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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS PRIORITY

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PARIS AND COPENHAGEN FOR LABATT

E.O.11652: NA

TAGS: ELAB, PGOV, TS

SUBJ: ACHOUR RESIGNS FROM PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU

1. UGTT SECRETARY GENERAL HABIB ACHOUR ANNOUNCED IN MORNING AND CLOSING SESSION OF UGTT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING TODAY, JAN 10, THAT HE HAD RESIGNED FROM 20-MAN PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU. HE REMAINS, HOWEVER, MEMBER OF PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH NUMBERS 60 MEMBERS. AFP EARLIER IN DAY CIRCULATED REPORT THAT ACHOUR HAD ALSO RESIGNED FROM UGTT. ACHOUR LATER DENIED THIS TO A NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS PRESENT AT MEETING, WHILE COMFIRMING TO THEM HIS RESIGNATION FROM PSD POLITICAL BUREAU. REPORTEDLY, ACHOUR HAS SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA (AS PRESIDENT OF PARTY) ADVISING HIM OF HIS DECISION.

2. UGTT HAS NOT RELEASED FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF MEETING,  
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AND WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL NOT COME OUT UNTIL THIS EVENING. GOVERNMENT PRESS AGENCY TAP HAS NOT YET MADE NEWS OF ACHOUR'S RESIGNATION PUBLIC NOR WAS IT ANNOUNCED ON AFTERNOON NEWS.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON FINAL COMMUNIQUE -- AND BACKGROUND FOR ACHOUR'S DECISION -- AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE

TO US.  
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